



United States Department of Agriculture
National Agricultural Statistics Service

Pacific Region Poultry Report



Cooperating with the California Department of Food and Agriculture, and Hawaii and Nevada Departments of Agriculture
Pacific Regional Field Office • P.O. Box 1258 • Sacramento, CA 95812 • (916) 498-5161 • (855) 270-2722 Fax • www.nass.usda.gov/ca

Released: April 30, 2015 • Frequency: Monthly • (USPS 598-310) VOL. 2 NO. 4

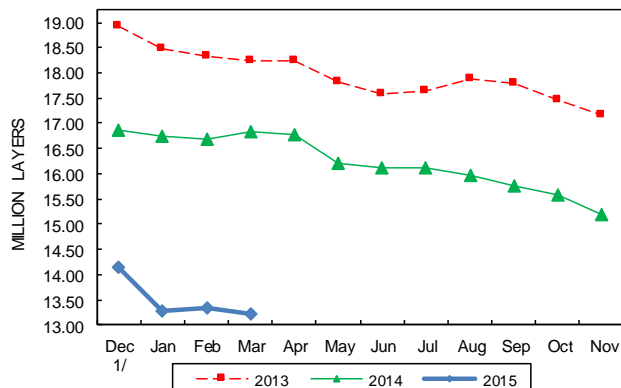
HIGHLIGHTS IN THIS ISSUE:

Layer and Egg Production	1
Chick Hatch -- Eggs in Incubators	2
Eggs -- Turkeys -- Broilers	3
Cold Storage Holdings	4

CALIFORNIA EGG PRODUCTION

California's egg production during March totaled 320 million, up 33 million from February's production and down 86 million from March 2014. The average number of layers during the month totaled 13.2 million, up 100,000 from last month, and down 22 percent from March 2014. Eggs per 100 layers during the month were 2,422, compared to 2,153 a month earlier, and 2,412 in March 2014.

NUMBER OF LAYERS, CALIFORNIA
DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2013-2015



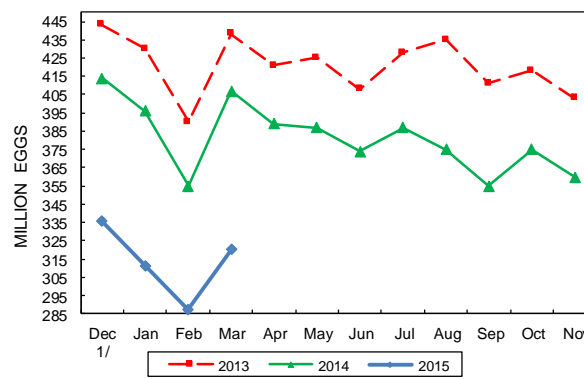
1/ Previous Year

U.S. MARCH EGG PRODUCTION

United States egg production totaled 8.53 billion during March 2015, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 7.42 billion table eggs, and 1.12 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.03 billion were broiler-type and 91 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during March 2015 averaged 362 million, up 1 percent from last year. March egg production per 100 layers was 2,358 eggs, up 1 percent from March 2014.

All layers in the United States on April 1, 2015 totaled 361 million, up slightly from last year. The 361 million layers consisted of 303 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 54.5 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.53 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on April 1, 2015, averaged 76.8 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from April 1, 2014.

EGG PRODUCTION, CALIFORNIA
DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2013-2015



1/ Previous Year

LAYER NUMBERS AND EGG PRODUCTION DURING MARCH, FORCED MOLTING AS OF APRIL 1

State	Average Number of Layers on Hand		Eggs Per 100 Layers		Total Egg Production		Layers Being Molted		Layers With Molt Completed	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
	Thousands	Thousands	Number	Number	Millions	Millions	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Alabama	9,273	9,278	1,920	1,951	178	181	0.5	0.5	4.0	7.5
Arkansas	11,858	12,730	2,066	2,113	245	269	1.0	1.0	11.0	15.5
California	16,832	13,212	2,412	2,422	406	320	3.5	1.0	27.5	32.0
Georgia	18,395	18,813	2,196	2,158	404	406	1.0	-	15.5	19.0
Indiana	27,392	26,327	2,461	2,355	674	620	1.0	1.5	24.0	25.5
Iowa	59,210	59,466	2,300	2,376	1,362	1,413	4.0	5.5	25.0	22.5
North Carolina	13,032	14,509	2,149	2,164	280	314	0.5	0.5	13.0	13.5
Ohio	30,085	31,137	2,463	2,438	741	759	2.5	1.5	23.0	20.0
Pennsylvania	25,373	25,671	2,503	2,598	635	667	0.5	-	8.0	1.5
Texas	18,811	19,008	2,328	2,278	438	433	0.5	1.5	25.0	34.5
UNITED STATES	359,955	361,830	2,342	2,358	8,430	8,533	1.9	2.0	17.9	17.9

1/ Molted Layers is the same data series as the previously published Forced Molt Layers. Nomenclature changed as of January 2015.

U.S. BROILER-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED

Broiler-type chicks hatched during March 2015 totaled 791 million, up 3 percent from March 2014. Eggs in incubators totaled 646 million on April 1, 2015, up 2 percent from a year ago.

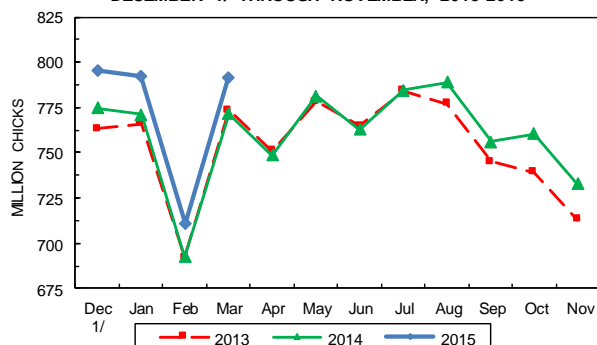
Leading breeders placed 7.18 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during March 2015, up 6 percent from March 2014.

BROILER-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, MARCH

State	2014	2015	<u>2015</u> 2014
	Thousands	Thousands	Percent
Alabama	104,730	108,391	103
Arkansas	75,638	79,865	106
Delaware	16,412	17,779	108
Florida	4,419	3,973	90
Georgia	122,507	121,253	99
Kentucky	27,449	28,123	102
Louisiana	14,450	14,217	98
Maryland	28,081	28,499	101
Mississippi	65,833	66,431	101
Missouri	31,556	29,719	94
North Carolina	74,639	77,522	104
Oklahoma	24,185	23,862	99
Pennsylvania	15,426	16,520	107
South Carolina	17,384	19,652	113
Texas	53,584	56,515	105
Virginia	24,222	24,590	102
California, Tennessee and West Virginia	41,840	44,954	107
Other States 1/	29,263	29,220	100
UNITED STATES	771,618	791,085	103

1/ Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

BROILER CHICKS HATCHED, UNITED STATES DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2013-2015



1/ Previous Year

U.S. EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED

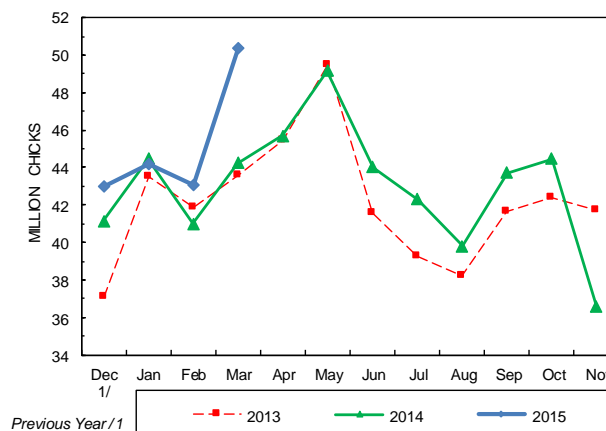
Egg-type chicks hatched during March 2015 totaled 50.4 million, up 14 percent from March 2014. Eggs in incubators totaled 49.0 million on April 1, 2015, up 13 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 304 thousand during March 2015, up 29 percent from March 2014.

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, BY MONTH, UNITED STATES

State	2014	2015	<u>2015</u> 2014
	Thousands	Thousands	Percent
Jan	44,458	44,174	99
Feb	40,986	43,091	105
Mar	44,233	50,405	114
Apr	45,703		
May	49,146		
Jun	44,006		
Jul	42,297		
Aug	39,803		
Sep	43,722		
Oct	44,468		
Nov	36,544		
Dec	42,980		

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, UNITED STATES DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2013-2015



Previous Year / 1

EGGS IN INCUBATORS, APRIL 1

Geographic Division	Broiler-Type			Egg-Type		
	2014	2015	<u>2015</u> 2014	2014	2015	<u>2015</u> 2014
	Thousands	Thousands	Percent	Thousands	Thousands	Percent
North Atlantic	13,930	14,128	101	5,055	7,205	143
East North Central	14,000	14,312	102	10,139	10,709	106
West North Central	30,362	30,262	100	10,522	13,066	124
South Atlantic	244,732	248,624	102	4,628	4,638	100
South Central	307,703	315,271	102	6,016	6,232	104
West	20,232	23,261	115	6,837	7,123	104
UNITED STATES	630,959	645,858	102	43,197	48,973	113

U.S. TURKEY HATCHERY PRODUCTION

Turkey eggs in incubators on April 1, 2015, in the United States totaled 28.6 million, up 5 percent from April 1, 2014. Eggs in incubators were up 1 percent from the March 1, 2015 total of 28.3 million eggs.

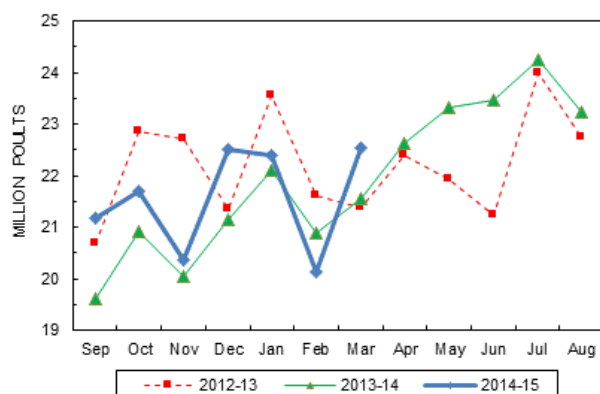
Turkey poults hatched during March 2015, in the United States totaled 24.2 million, up 8 percent from March 2014. Poults hatched were up 11 percent from the February 2015 total of 21.7 million poults.

The 22.5 million net poults placed during March 2015 in the United States were up 5 percent from the number placed during the same month a year earlier. Net placements were up 12 percent from the February 2015 total of 20.1 million.

U.S. TURKEY EGGS IN INCUBATORS AND POULTS HATCHED BY MONTH

Month	Eggs in incubators first of month		2014-15 2013-14 Percent	Poults hatched entire month		2014-15 2013-14 Percent
	2013-14	2014-15		2013-14	2014-15	
	Thousands	Thousands		Thousands	Thousands	
Sept.	25,524	27,388	107	20,974	22,844	109
Oct.	26,466	27,842	105	22,928	23,744	104
Nov.	26,379	28,004	106	21,308	21,936	103
Dec.	26,478	28,964	109	22,074	24,660	112
Jan.	27,278	29,281	107	23,430	24,023	103
Feb.	26,909	27,144	101	21,486	21,721	101
Mar.	26,035	28,250	109	22,380	24,152	108
Apr.	27,195	28,627	105	22,800		
May	29,017			24,189		
June	28,918			23,647		
July	28,627			24,405		
Aug.	27,759			23,500		

**NET U.S. TURKEY POULT PLACEMENTS
SEPTEMBER THROUGH AUGUST, 2012-2015**



U.S. POULTRY AND EGG PRICES

Nationally, the March market egg price, at \$1.07 per dozen, decreased 34.0 cents from February and is 16.0 cents below February 2014. The March broiler price, at 60.0 cents per pound, is up 6.0 cents from February and 5.0 cents above a year earlier. At 66.2 cents per pound, the March turkey price is down 0.7 cents from the previous month and is down 0.2 cents from 2014.

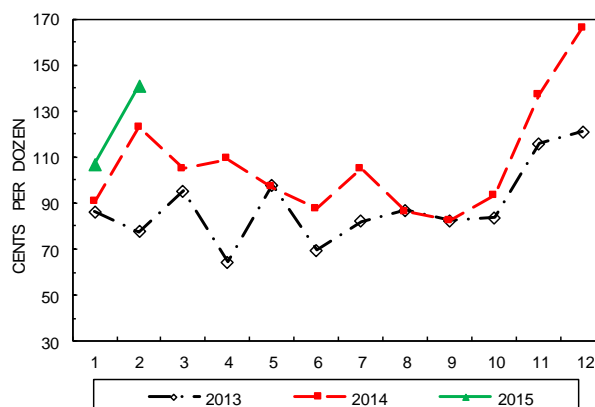
POULTRY AND EGG AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED 1/

Commodity	Unit	February 2014	March 2015	February 2015
		Cents		
UNITED STATES				
Chickens-Broilers	Lb.	55.0	60.0	54.0
Market Eggs 2/	Doz.	123.0	107.0	141.0
Turkeys 2/	Lb.	66.4	66.2	66.9

1/ The estimated prices shown in the table represent composite average prices received by producers. They are averages for all grades, classes and methods of sale of each commodity for the State and U.S. as a whole.

2/ Mid-month prices.

**MARKET EGG PRICE, UNITED STATES
JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER, 2013-2015**



NET U.S. TURKEY POULT PLACEMENTS 1/

Month	Total All Breeds		2014-15 2013-14 Percent	Cumulative Total		2014-15 2013-14 Percent
	2013-14	2014-15		2013-14	2014-15	
	Thousands	Thousands		Thousands	Thousands	
Sept.	19,624	21,169	108	19,624	21,169	108
Oct.	20,908	21,695	104	40,532	42,864	106
Nov.	20,042	20,379	102	60,574	63,243	104
Dec.	21,138	22,516	107	81,712	85,759	105
Jan.	22,096	22,383	101	103,808	108,142	104
Feb.	20,889	20,119	96	124,697	128,261	103
Mar.	21,557	22,544	105	146,254	150,805	103
Apr.	22,621			168,875		
May	23,310			192,185		
June	23,452			215,637		
July	24,234			239,871		
Aug.	23,224			263,095		

1/ Excludes exported poults.

PACIFIC COAST AND UNITED STATES COLD STORAGE

PACIFIC COAST AND UNITED STATES GOLD STORAGE						
Commodity	Unit	March 31, 2014	February 28, 2015	March 31, 2015	Mar. 2015 Mar. 2014	Mar. 2015 Feb. 2015
		Thousands			Percent	
PACIFIC COAST						
Turkeys	Lbs.	8,581	7,957	8,353	97	105
Chickens	Lbs.	44,892	44,690	49,557	110	111
Ducks	Lbs.	528	978	976	185	100
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	54,001	53,625	58,886	109	110
UNITED STATES						
Turkeys	Lbs.	336,383	321,337	347,638	103	108
Chickens	Lbs.	591,569	732,090	751,939	127	103
Ducks	Lbs.	1,782	2,810	3,280	184	117
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	929,734	1,056,237	1,102,857	119	104
Eggs, Frozen	Lbs.	29,044	35,648	32,051	110	90